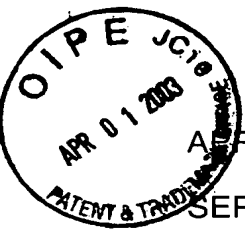


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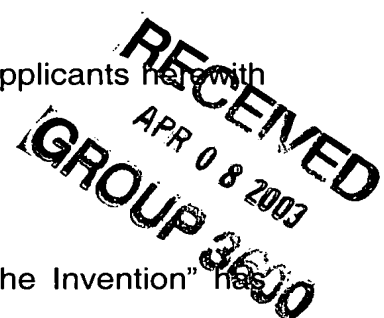
AMENDMENT "A"

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POSTAL MATTER PROCESSING SYSTEM"

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In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2002, Applicants herewith  
amend the application as follows.



IN THE SPECIFICATION

The paragraph immediately below the heading "Field of the Invention" has  
been amended as follows:

a1 The present invention is directed to a method for processing postal matter and  
a postal matter processing system which allow staggered postal matter processing  
and are suited for use with multiple carriers.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

a2 1. (Amended) A method for processing postal matter comprising the  
steps of:

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